GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:408
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Leasing Out Roads to Private Companies
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to lease out National Highways (NHs) to private companies under the Toll-Operate- Transfer (TOT) mode to mop up Rs. 60,000 crore and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the benefits of this model to the Government as compared to the existing one;

(c) the details of stretches/NHs that are going to be given to private companies; and

(d) the target set to construct NHs this year along with the amount to be spent on construction of new NHs, NH-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2016 ASKED BY SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY AND SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR REGARDING 'LEASING OUT ROADS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES'

(a) Government has approved the monetization of public funded, operational National Highway (NH) projects that are generating toll revenue for at least two years after start of operations through the Toll Operate Transfer (ToT) Model. The recycling of brownfield assets shall be done under the ToT Model through international competitive bidding. The right of collection and appropriation of Toll Fees for selected operational National Highway (NH) projects constructed through public funding shall be assigned for a pre-determined concession period to concessionaires (developers/investors) against upfront payment of a lump-sum amount to NHAI.

(b) This is new Model adopted by the Government to ensure efficient Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of highway projects on long term basis and to generate financial resources upfront that can be invested in new highway projects.

(c) As of now, 75 operational NH projects have been identified for monetization under the ToT Model. The aggregate length of these projects is around 4,500 km and their annual toll collection is around Rs 2,700 crores.

(d) Finance Minister, in his budget speech, stated that the pace of completion of road projects will be nearly 10,000 kms in 2016-17. An amount of Rs. 101,822.00 crores has been allocated so far for development of NHs during 2016-17.

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